# House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2575–2584 were introduced. Page H11767

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 88 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 560, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, November 1.

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VA–HUD Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis of California, Delay, Vucanovich, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Neumann, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Chapman, Kaptur, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Stokes motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the Senate amendment numbered 66, striking certain provisions limiting use of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 762). Earlier, agreed to the previous question on the motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 761.

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D.C. Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 764, the House passed H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to the Gunderson amendment that requires the Superintendent of D.C. public schools to develop a long-term school reform plan consistent with the control board financial plan; authorizes the establishment of independent public charter schools through five-year charters; authorizes \$21 million over five years for the expansion of the Federal Even Start program from two to twenty seats; authorizes \$2 million in fiscal year 1996 to establish a seven member panel to develop core-curriculum, student assessments, and teacher training models; authorizes funds to develop a per pupil education funding formula; authorizes \$2 million for the GSA to provide technical assistance in the repair and improvement of school facilities for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; au-

thorizes funds for the establishment of a residential school; requires the District to report to Congress on its progress by August 1, 1996; authorizes \$42 million to establish a non-profit corporation to provide "scholarships" to low income D.C. students; authorizes \$26 million to establish two private sector partnerships to develop a job training initiative, expand work force preparation initiatives, implement professional development programs for teachers and provide 12th grade students with career counseling; and authorizes the Mayor to condition welfare benefits on the attendance of parents at parent-teacher conferences subject to the approval of HHS (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 763). Pages H11704-32

Budget Reconciliation: The Speaker appointed the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996:

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of title XVI of the House bill, and subtitle B of title VII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastert and Greenwood.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of November 6. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Official Objectors: It was announced that the following Members are the Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the Minority for the 104th Congress: Representatives Boucher, Mfume, and Delauro; and that the following Members are the Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the Majority: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Coble, and Goodlatte.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7. Page H11736

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 7.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11692 and H11741.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11691–92, H11703–04, H11704, H11732, and H11734–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

#### U.S. HOUSING ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1995.

Will continue November 8.

#### REFORM OF SUPERFUND ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials began markup of H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995. Will continue November 8.

## PROPOSED RULES AFFECTING ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Proposed Rules Affecting the Electricity Industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Elizabeth A. Moler, Chairman; Donald F. Santa, Jr.; James J. Hoecker; William L. Massey and Vicky A. Baily, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

#### **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Older Americans Act. Testimony was heard from Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### HHS' MANAGEMENT OF THREATS TO NATION'S BLOOD SUPPLY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued oversight hearings on Protecting the Blood Supply from Infectious Agents: New Standards to meet New Threats. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Paul McCurdy, M.D., Director, Blood Resources Program, Division of Blood, Disease and Resources, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; and public witnesses.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Held a hearing on campaign finance reform. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich and Representatives Gephardt, Inglis of South Carolina, Jacobs, Kanjorski, Portman,

Greenwood, Whitfield, Smith of Washington, Shays, Wamp, Smith of Michigan, Torkildsen, Kaptur, and Poshard

Hearings continue November 16.

#### LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 2564, Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

### VIOLENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding the nature and threat of violent anti-government groups in America. Testimony was heard from Ted Almay, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### CLASSIFIED BRIEFING—DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES TO BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Met in executive session to receive a classified briefing on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. The Committee was briefed by Norman Schindler, Head, Balkans Task Force, CIA; Maj. Gen. P.M. Hughes, USA, Intelligence Director, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

### DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES TO BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren Zimmerman, former Ambassador to Yugoslavia; the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Charles Boyd, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command; and Lt. Gen. Marvin Couvault, USA (Ret.), Chief of Staff, NATO Air Forces South; and a public witness.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2243, Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Reauthorization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; David Cottingham, Counselor to Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### RECLAMATION RECYCLING AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1803, Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2549, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into